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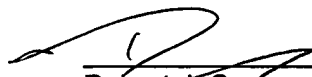
Sir:

Applicant mailed a Notice of Appeal on April 14, 2006. The date the Notice of Appeal was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") was April 18, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the enclosed Appeal Brief is timely filed within the two month required time period. Applicant believes that no extension of time to file the enclosed Appeal Brief is required.

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